

Inyo Backcountry Trail Crew
April 2011 Overview
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And so it begins. After much anticipation not only through the process of sifting through hundreds of applications and interviews and selecting crews, but also through the process of finding out even if our season and program would continue. But yet again, for the 33rd season of the Backcountry Trails Program, has persevered and the promise of growth and change through hard work and dedication lives on.

All seven crews arrived ready and eager at the McClellan Business Park in Sacramento. Here we have received an orientation like no other including lining out the Backcountry Standards and Expectations, trainings on Health and Safety, EEO, Journaling and Curriculum, AmeriCorps, Sobriety, and Stock Safety. Before leaving we all joined together in a group community meeting of the 2011 Backcountry Crew and then separated ways toward our respective work areas. We wish everyone a safe and happy season.

As the 2011 Inyo Crew, we are:

Colby Accacian, Oakland, CA
Joseph Civetz, San Anselmo, CA
Charles Coffman, Fair Oaks, CA, CCC Greenwood Center
Kaitlin Hosson, Avon, IN
Alex Keim, Erie, PN
Peter King, Philadelphia, PA
Mary McDaniel, Richmond, VA
Stacey Nathan, Bethel, CT
Gabriel Nuno, San Diego, CA, CCC San Diego Center
Jesse Reyes, Salinas, CA, CCC Monterey Bay Center
Daniel Rojas, Watts, CA, CCC LAVM Center
David Sanchez, Los Angeles, CA
Tavea Tarlton, Pomona, CA, CCC Fortuna Center
James Turk, Jackson, CA, CCC Los Padres Center
Chelsea Vidaurri, Philadelphia, PA
Amber Wessel, Yreka, CA, CCC Siskiyou Center

Our summer journey will start off in the Los Padres National Forest in the San Rafael Wilderness. We will then move ship to the Inyo National Forest working out of the Reds Meadow area. Our work will include all aspects of trail maintenance including brushing, logging, maintenance, and rock construction. We are all looking forward to working on trails in these beautiful forests.

In keeping with the Backcountry Tradition we leave orientation on this life changing experience hoping for only the best. We will live together for five months, work hard, and build not only trails but a community together.

A big heart- felt thanks to all of you that made this season possible. We cannot express our gratitude enough. David Muraki and Erin Healy for keeping the Backcountry Trails Program going. Philip

LaFollette, Tessa d'Usseau, and Karlson Hubbard for all your dedication and hard work all year long to get us on our way. Michelle Rankin, Roxie Brown, Debbie Reid, and all the good folks from the Fortuna Center for your ongoing support. All of our Orientation Instructors including Marcia Welch, Cynthia Aguayo, Ken Graves, Tim Warren, Tony Cervantes, Tony Vasquez, and George 'the boot fairy' Hawley.